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ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 FMC-04

INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CG-00 COA-02 DLOS-06 L-03 SS-20

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN CH US

SUBJECT: DIRECT SERVICE TO CHINA BY U.S. FLAG LINES

SUMMARY. CONGEN HAS BEEN QUERIED BY U.S. FLAG CARRIER CONCERN-
ING CALLS AT PRC PORTS, AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. END SUMMARY.

1. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF LYKES LINES VISITED CONGEN
OCTOBER 24 TODISCUSS CALLS BY U.S. FLAG CARRIERS TO PRC PORTS.
REPS SAID QUESTION AROSE BECAUSE LYKES LINES WERE INTERESTED
IN CARRYING COTTON FROM U.S. GULF TO CHINESE PORTS(SHANGHAI,
TIENTSIN AND DAIREN). THEY EXPLAINED THAT CHARTER RATES
CURRENTLY ARE SO HIGH THAT THEIR FLAG CARRIERS NOW HAVE GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECT TRAFFIC. REPS ADDED THAT
THEY UNDERSTOOD FROM THEIR SOURCES THAT ISSUE OF PRC FROZEN
ASSETS AND U.S. CLAIMS WOULD SOON BE RESOLVED, AND THAT THIS
THEREFORE GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT SERVICE.

2. CONGEN NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN POSITION ANNOUNCED
BY DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION, MAY 8, 1971,
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I.E., THAT SHIPS DOCUMENTED UNDER U.S. LAWS CONTINUE TO BE

PROHIBITED FROM MOVING TO PRC. CONGEN REALIZES THAT DEPARTMENT HAS SUBJECT OF U.S. SHIP CALLS AT PRC POSTS, AS WELL AS U.S. AIRLINE ROUTES TO PRC, UNDER CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF WE COULD GIVE SOME INTERIM GUIDANCE TO LYKES AND OTHER U.S. SHIPPING COMPANIES CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR U.S. SHIPPING SERVICE TO CHINESE PORTS.
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